

Fiscal Reform.

It will be recollected that some months ago the late Governor appointed a Commission to revise the Tariff of Customs, with a view to adapting it to the commercial wants and necessities of the Colony. The report of the Commission was placed in the hands of his Excellency Governor Musgrave, on Thursday last. Although it has not been our privilege to peruse the report, yet we have reason to believe that it is of a character every way creditable to the gentlemen composing the Commission and befitting the importance of the subject with which it deals. The draft for a new tariff has been made with a view to relieving as far as possible that class of goods likely to become important articles of export, so as to confer upon the commerce of the place the advantages of a free port, in so far as that can be done without a free port. That the adoption of such a tariff would have a tendency to ease off the existing commercial pressure and operate more or less in the right direction cannot well be doubted; but we must confess that the period which has elapsed since the appointment of the Commission has greatly tended to strengthen and confirm the impression that whatever amelioration may be attained in this way it is to a complete removal of those restrictions which have driven commerce away that we must look as the only effective means for its restoration. In this opinion we venture to think that we are in harmony with the commercial mind of the Colony. Indeed there is evidence of this to be found in the fact that in their report the Tariff Commissioners recommend a return to the free port system, as a more effective remedy for the commercial depression that exists than can be found in any modification of the Customs Tariff. Representing as they do the commercial opinions and interests of the place, the recommendation of the Commissioners upon this subject will be entitled to the greatest consideration at the hands of the Executive. Nor is that claim for consideration lessened by the circumstance of two members of the Commission belonging to the Mainland portion of the Colony. With the broader question of Free Port, as viewed in the light of Confederation, we do not propose to deal in the present article; but it will be as well for the public mind to be prepared for decided action in reference to a subject upon which appears to hinge the future destiny of the Colony. It is a grave question whether it would not be wise to approach the subject of a Free Port without direct reference to Confederation; that is to say, that the people, acting as a separate Colony, should adopt that system now, and leave it to subsequent negotiation to confirm it to us under Confederation. It may be said that as a separate and insignificant Crown Colony we would seek in vain for a restoration of a Free Port; but it should be borne in mind that if we are a Crown Colony, and comparatively insignificant in so far as revenue and population are concerned, we are nevertheless self-supporting, and ought to have the privilege of managing our own affairs. The Imperial Government cannot with any show of reason or justice tell us that we need expect no paternal assistance and at the same time deny us the right to adopt such a fiscal policy as will best enable us to pay our way, provided that policy has nothing in it repugnant to constitutional principles. It can hardly be urged, therefore, that if the Colonists be minded to adopt a Free Port, the Imperial authorities will say nay; for there is nothing in the system that is new or in any way inconsistent with or repugnant to Imperial policy, or Colonial practice. For our own part, we regard Confederation as the certain destiny of this Colony; moreover, we believe its attainment upon fair and equitable terms to be the desire of the great bulk of the Colonists. Whether Confederation is to be a permanent condition, or a mere stepping-stone to Annexation we will not now stop to enquire; that must greatly depend upon the course adopted by the parent Government. But we fail to discover in a policy which would restore the Free Port to Victoria anything incompatible with our existence either in our present condition as a British Colony, or in our prospective condition as a Province of the Dominion. If, therefore, the people are convinced that it would be to their interest to have a Free Port, there is no power on earth that has the right to say they shall not have it! Furthermore we feel convinced that if the people go about it with unanimity and pertinacity success is certain.

Eastern States.

MADRID, Aug 30.—Gen. Prim has had no interview with Napoleon, but has been promised an audience as soon as the latter recovers from his illness.

Gen. Isidro has resigned the office of Captain General of New Castile.

VIENNA, Aug 30.—Baron Benet to-day closed the session of the Austrian and Hungarian delegation. In a speech he announced that he was authorized to give the Emperor's sanction to the resolutions they had respectively adopted. Their proceedings, would fix attention upon affairs and contribute to the maintenance of the peace.

PARIS, Aug 31.—The Emperor remains at Ajaccio a day or two and returns to Paris some time between the 3d and 9th of September. The Emperor was at work yesterday.

La Reguella says the Emperor will give audience to visitors to-day.

The newspapers of this city assert that Burlingame has received dispatches from the Chinese government expressing cordial recognition of treaties he had concluded with American and different European States.

Prince Napoleon Bonaparte, intends, it is said, to make a democratic speech in the Senate some day during the ensuing week, but his friends are opposed to its delivery just now. They allege that if the present Emperor should fall his pretended democracy would not save his position in the eyes of the French people. The Emperor's conduct has been as unwise and ungrateful.

PARIS, Sept 1.—The *Constitutionnel* says that Serrano is daily becoming a prominent candidate for the throne of Spain.

Discussion of the *Senatus Consultum* commenced in the Senate to-day.

A grand fête was given at the Crystal Palace last evening in honor of the Harvard and Oxford crews, by the London Rowing Club.

Layton, President of the (?) Club occupied the Chair. All the members of the Harvard crew were present, except Loring, Willis alone representing the Oxford. There were also present 120 invited guests, including Chas. Dickens, Thomas Hughes, Edmund Yates, Captain Anderson, and many other notable. Motley was unavoidably absent from dinner. Chas. Dickens proposed the toast of the evening: "The Harvard and Oxford crews," accompanying it with a speech paying a high compliment to the Harvard crew. He regretted the absence of the Oxford men. Said they had won so often that they could afford to lose in the event of another contest. He wished the Harvard good speed to their home, which would find an echo in every corner of England.

Simmons responded briefly, expressing the warmest thanks for the cordiality and hospitality extended the Harvard crew. Looking to the crew by which they were defeated, he had no reason to be ashamed.

Willis, on the part of the Oxford, regretted the unavoidable absence of the remainder of their crew. With respect to the race, as an old hand, he said it had not been won easily. It was the best race he ever rowed.

Thomas Hughes toasted the London rowing club, and complimented the Harvard University and some of its distinguished graduates.

At the conclusion of the banquet there was a grand display of fireworks.

English papers contain accounts of the murder of an Italian Countess in a night train between Naples and Rome. She was alone in a first-class carriage and is supposed to have been shot by an officer who claimed to be in love with her.

MADRID, Aug 28.—The Government yielding to the pressure and solicitations from all parties, has commuted the death sentence of several Carlist clergymen, and there will probably be no executions. Answers are received from six bishops in regard to the recent decree of the regent. They are unsatisfactory and defiant. No further steps will be taken against them until Gen. Prim returns.

ANTWERP, Aug. 27.—H. Leeds, the artist, died to-day, aged 54 years.

Canada.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Aug. 28.—Prince Arthur arrived to-night and was accorded a splendid and enthusiastic welcome.

BUFFALO, Aug 31.—The preparations for an international Exposition are being rapidly brought to a conclusion on the grounds adjoining the Skating Pond, which are being enclosed. The Treasury Department has instructed the Collector of Customs to admit duty free, from Canada, articles for exhibition under bonds for sixty days.

QUEBEC, Aug 30.—It is rumored that the intended removal of troops from this station is postponed.

CHARLOTTETOWN, N.S., Aug 30.—General Halloway held a reception to-day in honor of Prince Arthur. Five thousand persons were present.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, Sept 1.—The Department statement shows a decrease during this month of five million six hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of eleven million dollars disbursed to pay pensions, which makes a decrease since March of forty-nine million five hundred thousand dollars.

The Cubans offer to pay the price of the public buildings and their share of the public debt. The independence of the island to be ceded first.

A Washington special says that Burlingame has telegraphed to the Government stating that it was not understood that the Chinese Government would ratify the treaty before his return. He denies that the treaty has been rejected by China.

CHICAGO, Sept 1.—The *Tribune's* New York special says the *Sun* has an intercepted letter from Minister Roberts to the Captain General of Cuba. Roberts says twelve gunboats will be ready for armament on September 15th, but under existing circumstances he has advised the agent not to purchase the armament at present. He thinks the purchase of the armament would leave the administration a pretext to detain the boats till Congress meets. He thinks Secretary Fish respects the Spanish flag more on account of the Alabama claims than out of respect for the Spanish Government. He does not think the Cubans will have belated rights till Congress meets, but thinks Congress will demand the acknowledgment of Cuban independence. He has repeatedly urged that 15,000 more troops be sent to Cuba for the partial reason that it would diminish American sympathy with Cuba. He says General Prim will send 6,000 men in October, if he can spare them. He advises that no sea port be allowed to fall into American hands on account of the facilities it would give the insurgents. He urges that all drafts for gunboats be paid promptly to avoid annoyance and delay.

NEW YORK, Aug 30.—A meeting of the officers of the boat clubs of this city is proposed for next Thursday, to consider measures for giving the Harvards a rousing reception on their return home.

The proprietor of the Lake Circus was shot at Green Bay, Newton county, Missouri, on the 21st, by a man whom he ejected from the circus for refusing to pay. He died in a few minutes. The murderer escaped. One thousand dollars is offered for his arrest.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug 21.—The brig Helen, from Iquitos, Greenland, reports the steamer Panther, with Hayes' Arctic exploration expedition, sailed from Iquitos on June 27th, for Disco, Iceland, and North Greenland, whence the Panther is going to Melville bay. Previous to arrival at Iquitos, the Panther had been at Julian Shab and Kasmur, where the expedition had been in the interior taking photographs.

NASHVILLE, Aug 30.—Nearly a hundred negroes came here from the neighborhood of Rutherford county. They report that they were driven from home by lawless whites.

These negroes have been working on shares with planters, and they as well as the planters will lose heavily if they are not protected in securing the crops. Well known planters in that neighborhood are trying to secure protection for themselves and negroes in their employ. Bands of outlaws are also operating in a similar manner in Sumner county. The Governor's proclamation warning them may have some effect, but the planters will probably have to form combinations for self-protection.

BUFFALO, Aug 30th.—Early this morning cattle landed from the International ferry boat stampeded through the streets, trampling everything in the way. A man was thrown into a wagon and a woman fatally gored. A number of persons were more or less injured. Five or six of the infuriated animals were shot by the citizens. A portion of the drove is still at large in the suburbs.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept 1.—Apart from a fair degree of activity in the Savage and Yellow Jacket this morning, stock transactions are light and values barely sustained. Evening sales—Ophir, 17½; Savage, 31¼; Chollar, 18½; H & W, 12½; Yellow Jacket, 49; Imperial, 48; Kentucky, 185; Alpha, 16½; Selling Belcher, 9½; American, 31; Belcher 10½.

Five twentys of 1862, 122½; of 1867, 121½.

Arrived, Sept 1.—Brit ship Killdenan, 137 days from Glasgow; British ship Barrie, 137 days from Shields.

Arrived, Sept 1.—Ship Prima Donna, 144 days from New York; ship St. Charles, 131 days from New York.

A child, aged six years, named Charlie Sherbourne, nephew to Col. Sherbourne, A. A. G., was instantly killed on Third street yesterday by being run over by a heavily loaded truck belonging to the Commercial Flouring Mills, and driven by Albert Bartlett. The child was endeavoring to climb upon the truck when in motion, and falling off, the hind wheel passed over his head and shoulders, entirely mashing the upper part of his body. Bartlett immediately delivered himself up at the station house, when charge of manslaughter was entered against him and he was released on five thousand dollars bail. No blame is attached to him.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug 28.—Two Chinese merchants, who went to Chicago with the Commercial party a few weeks since, arrived home last evening and were received at Sacramento by a large number of their countrymen. At New York they were the guests of the Leland. A T Stewart also entertained them at his palatial residence and took them to the theatre, where they occupied his private box. They expressed themselves highly delighted with the Eastern States and the kindness shown them. They came down on the same train with Senator Schurz, and some of the gentlemen on board were surprised to hear Fong Tang converse with Germans in their own language. He speaks, besides Chinese and Japanese, English, German and French.

Buy It and Try It.—Russell's celebrated coffee. The best on the Coast. Warranted a pure and healthful beverage.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most cautious of their health, and most particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gentle aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective actions of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balaams, united with laser anater, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapability of doing harm.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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JUST RECEIVED, EX "LADY LAMPSON," FROM LONDON, AT REDUCED PRICES FOR CASH ONLY.

Baltic Shirts	- \$1 00	Inverness Capes	- \$5 00
Superior do	- 1 50	Tweed Coats	- 4 50
Hickory do	- 1 00	Superior do	- 5 50
Regatta	- 75	Tweed Pants	- 2 00
Extra	- 1 00	Moleskin do	- 2 00

Blue, Grey and Red Serge Shirts - \$1 75
Tweed Suits - \$9 00
Ladies' Boots, Slightly Damaged - 2 00

Felt Hats - 1 00

A. McLean & Co. have a Large and complete Assortment of Clothing, Under Clothing, Waterproof Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, &c, Would call special attention to their Stock of BEAVER COATS.

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FORT STREET.

Wholesale Dry Goods.

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Notice is hereby given, that all Municipal Rates due (as per Assessment Roll, 1869), together with all outstanding Rates, must be paid at the office of the Clerk of the Municipal Council, Broad street, on or before the 14th proximo, in default of which the provisions of the said Ordinance and By-laws will be enforced.

By Order, W. LEIGH, Clerk M. C.

Council Chambers, Broad street, Victoria, B. C., July 31, 1869.

FOR SALE, TEN TONS OF NEW, RIPE POTATOES, good for shipping ORIONS and other Vegetables at a Moderate Price. Enquire at the Richmond.

J. B. SERRE.

WANTED, SEVERAL AXEMEN TO CUT UP OAK timber for firewood, by the cord.

J. D. REMBERTON, Farm Cottage, Victoria District.

EDUCATION.

MRS. ALFRED FELLOWS WILL BE prepared to receive DAILY PUPILS at her residence, on the Spanish Road, on Monday, September 20th.

The Course of Study will comprise Geography, English Grammar and composition, History, ancient and modern, Arithmetic, Natural history and Natural Philosophy.

Licenses—From 9½ to 12 m., and from 1 to 3 p. m.

Terms—\$4 per month; Music, \$5; French, Italian and German, \$2 each.

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(Late of FELLOWS, ROSCOE & Co.)

Commission Agent, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

A. F. will give particular attention to the selecting, purchasing and shipping of Goods for this Colony.

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WANTED, TO PURCHASE TWO GOOD WORK MULES, gentle in harness. Enq. of W. P. Seward Cor. Fort and Wharf Street.

Sept 2, 1869.

WANTED TO CHARTER, A VESSEL OF NOT LESS THAN 500 TONS carrying capacity, to proceed to Skidgate Bay, Queen Charlotte Island, to load with Coal, for San Francisco. Enquire of the QUEEN CHARLOTTE COAL MINING CO. (Limited) Cor. Broad and Truncheon sts, Victoria

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WANTED FIFTY CORDS PINE WOOD cut

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THE NEW A. I. BARK EDWARD, Captain Aug. G. S. Smit.

This fine vessel offers unusually superior accommodation for a few Cabin Passengers. Will sail about 1st October.

For Passage, apply to the undersigned.

J. ROBERTSON STEWART.

Victoria, 4th Sept, 1869.

Notice to Carpenters and Builders. TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY the undersigned until 10 a. m., the 7th of September, for additions to a residence near Beacon Hill Park. R. LEWIS, Architect, au1 8c

F. S. BUSHELL, Pianoforte Tuner & Regulator. JOHNSON STREET. Or at Messrs Hibben & Co's Bookstore, Government St. Victoria, B. C. my29 6m

Clean Your Chimneys. BENJAMIN WAKEFIELD BEGS TO inform the Public of Victoria, that, having had many years experience in Sweeping and Cleaning Chimneys, and preventing their smoking, he is prepared to execute all orders in that line, general work included. Owners left at Fell & Co's store on Fort Street, or at the third house East of the Bavaria Brewery, will be promptly attended to. au1 3m 2p

OLYMPIA OYSTERS AT PIPER'S SALOON, GOVERNMENT STREET. CUSTOMERS ARE ASSURED THAT Omelet but respectable persons will be admitted to the Salo.

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MRS. JOHNSTON HAS READY FOR inspection a variety of Japanese articles of VERU in 1 vial, gret-work, Orid and Silver, Silk Paintings, Bronzed Straw Work, &c, &c. Also, Abyssinian Gold Pencil Cases, Archery, Croquet Cricket, &c, &c. au1 3m 2p

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THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Wednesday Morning, Sept 8, 1869.
Shipping Intelligence.
PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
ENTERED
Sept 7—Stmr E Anderson, Finch, Pt Townsend
Sept 7—Native, Collins, West Coast
Sept 7—W G Hunt, Waitt, Pt Townsend
CLEARED
Sept 7—None
PASSENGERS
Per Stmr E ANDERSON—Miss McCordy, Miss K O'Dwyer, Miss Clark, L Huntington, Philip Ritz, F Lamb, Armstrong, Roberts, Pullin, Miller, Plummer, Riley, Hale, McKinnis, Grant, Lammon, J Miz
CONSIGNEES.
Per Stmr E ANDERSON—J R Stewart, Woodward, Borslow, Francis, J Murray, J Bates, J Jackson
IMPORTS.
Per Stmr E ANDERSON—40 bbls flour, 27 bbs fruit, 10 c. tils, 21 sheep, 17 pigs skins
DEATH.
In this city, on the 7th inst, Robert, only son of Mr Thomas Russell, aged 4 years and 8 months
Funeral held, Wednesday, AFTERNOON, from St Andrew's Church at 3 o'clock p.m. Friends and acquaintances are invited
Auction Sale To-Day.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN, Yates street, will sell at 12 o'clock, noon, desirable Property in South Seattle Also, Lots in Victoria and Esquimalt.
Who has Lost a Friend?—There is a strange mystery overhanging the circumstances connected with the finding of the human skeleton in the woods near Langford Lake that ought, if possible, to be cleared up. The remains were first found ten or twelve days ago by a Mr. Porter, who, with a friend, was hunting. They were found in a pool of water, lying about half a mile beyond Langford Lake and distant about a stone's throw from the Goldstream road. There were a few inches of water in the pool at the time. Mr. Porter returned home and the next day sent to the spot his son, who dug up a part of the skeleton; found the remains greatly decayed, and the bones, in places, destitute of flesh. The face was quite gone. The settlers living around were notified of the hideous "find"; but they appear to have been too busily engaged in harvesting to pay any attention to the matter, until last Sunday, when Messrs. Porter, with several other settlers, accompanied by Mr. Proud of this city, visited the spot and found that the water which had formed the pool had disappeared, and that wolves or dogs had scattered the bones far and near. There were no shreds of clothing or hair to be found anywhere—nothing, in fact, to furnish the faintest clue to the identification of the remains, and the bones were finally collected and buried. Whether the remains are those of some poor demented wretch who strayed away from his keepers and perished miserably from starvation; whether they are those of a self-immolated victim; or whether they constitute the evidence of "murder most foul," may never be known; but from the condition of the remains when found, it is inferred that they were insinuated with life not many weeks ago. Who has lost a friend?
The Exhibition.—We are requested to state that Capt. Waitt, of the steamer W. G. Hunt, has kindly promised to bring over and take back all stock and other articles for exhibition from ports on the Sound. It is confidently expected that all duties will be remitted upon such articles. We are also authorized to state that the local managers of the Hudson Bay Company have, with their usual liberality, engaged that persons and things coming from the Mainland shall be carried free by their steamer Enterprise. Altogether there is every prospect of our having a very successful Exhibition. In fact it only remains for subscribers and should-be subscribers to come forward promptly with their "two fifths" to make it a great success. We would desire to remind intending exhibitors of the importance of punctuality in entering their productions, and otherwise complying with the regulations under which the Exhibition will be conducted.
ALASKA.—A San Francisco paper says: "The schooner Faun sailed some time since for Alaska. She went on a big venture. Interested speculators calculated to clear at least \$100,000. She returned yesterday. Her cargo consisted of the Captain and one beaver skin, the mate and a fox skin, and the steward and a half-starved dog. A dividend of 600,000 was immediately declared."
DELUGE ENGINE CO BENEFIT.—The Deluge Engine Co will take a benefit at the Circus this evening, in response to the kind offer of Mr Lee, who has also contributed two handsome silver cups, which will be awarded to the fastest runners in the Fire Department—the race to take place in the ring. The Deluges are expecting a fire-engine from London, and the proceeds from the benefit will be devoted towards the paying for the machine. We look for a big house.
THE TELEGRAPH.—It affords us much gratification to state that the land line and poles recently destroyed by fire have been replaced and that nothing but the laying of a short piece of cable remains to be done to re-establish telegraphic communication, which was severed nearly two months ago. The line constructors have been unwearied in their exertions from first to last, and must feel happy that their labors are about to be crowned with success. Mr Pitts went over yesterday to manage a canoe-express between the islands until the short piece of cable is submerged.
THE ELIZA ANDERSON arrived on Monday night from the Sound, bringing passengers and live stock. Capt Finch has placed us under obligations for his papers.
FELL'S COFFEE has become the favorite Colonial beverage, and is to be found on every breakfast table from Victoria to the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

County Court.
TUESDAY, Sept. 1st, 1869.
Before A. F. Pemberton, Esq.
Dalby vs. Gaston—Mr. Drake made an application to have the case stand over. Granted.
Conness vs. E. Navaertie—This was an action brought for \$5 50, for goods sold and delivered by the plaintiff to the defendant. The defendant claimed a set-off, having supplied the plaintiff with medicine during his sickness. Judgment for the plaintiff.
Thomas Rabson vs. John Wade—Suit brought against the defendant for the sum of \$24, for ninety-six days feed for a dog, at 25 cents per day. The defendant put in a set-off for the sum of \$68, against the plaintiff, for the use of the dog during the time he was in plaintiff's possession. Judgment for the defendant.
Nias vs Wren—Suit to recover the sum of \$60, value of a steer alleged to have been killed by defendant and sold. The case was proceeding when the court rose.
REAL ESTATE.—Mr Lumley Franklin will hold a sale of Victoria and Seattle property to-day. The South Seattle property, in view of the speedy commencement of the Overland Railway, presents great inducements for purchasers. South Seattle adjoins the Moss property on Seattle harbor and is considered a valuable tract.
NOMINATIONS.—Last evening the John Hook and Ladder Company nominated John Kriemler and Frank Richards for Chief and Assistant Engineers. Mr. Richards was formerly Chief of the New Westminster Fire Department. The Tigers nominated John Vogel and C. E. Bunting.
DROWNING OF MR. ORMANDY.—The following dispatch from Yale was received at this office last night:—"Mr. Ormandy, agent for Barnard's Express at Barkerville, fell from off the guards of the steamer Lillooet at Yale yesterday and was drowned. Particulars after the inquest has been held."
THE CRUCUS was again well attended last evening and the performance gave unbounded satisfaction. To-night the Deluge Company take a benefit.
CUPS.—Mr. Jungerman exhibited in his window yesterday two beautiful silver cups, prizes offered by Mr. Lee to the two best runners in the Fire Department.
DIRECT STEAMER.—A special from San Francisco announces that the steamship Active will sail direct for Victoria Saturday next.
SISTERS OF ST ANN.—Mr Lee has tendered the Sisters of St Ann a complimentary benefit, to take place on Friday evening. An appeal in aid of the generous Sisterhood always meets with a ready response from our citizens.
FOR NEW WESTMINSTER.—His Excellency the Governor and Private Secretary, the Colonial Secretary, and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, left for New Westminster yesterday morning.
STRANGE AND FATAL ACCIDENT AT SAN JOSE.—The San Jose Daily Mercury, of August 21st, says:—"One of the strangest and most terrible accidents occurred yesterday in this city which we have ever been called upon to chronicle. The circumstances are about as follows: About 10 o'clock yesterday morning, as two brothers—Lazaro, Fortunato Villa—were engaged at their soda factory on Market street, in the rear of the Court House, one of them—Lazaro—heard the report of an explosion. Looking round he comprehended the circumstances at once. A large bottle of French Soda had exploded. A portion of the glass, about two inches in width, had struck the throat of Fortunato. The wounded man placed his hand over the wound, and, assisted by his brother, made all haste to get to a drug store, or some place where a surgeon could be procured. Passing down Market street—the blood running in a large stream down the arm from the wound—the two men entered Langhorne's drug store. Mr. Dan Leddy and others immediately started for a doctor. In a short time Doctors Cary, Cory, Turner, James and Thorn, were on the spot, doing all they could for the wounded man, who had now fainted from loss of blood. An examination of the wound proved that the vertebral artery was almost entirely severed. For about half an hour everything that could be done was done for the unfortunate man, but all was of no avail; he breathed his last at about half past ten o'clock. An affecting scene was witnessed while the man was dying. His aged mother who had just heard the sad news, came in and bending over the dying man, with sobs and lamentations she kissed his feet. The tears stood upon many a cheek as witnessed this outburst of maternal affection."
CHANGES IN THE LEGISLATURE.—By the death of Admiral Seymour, the present House of Commons has lost its eighth member since the opening of the session. The Liberals who have died are Sir A. W. Buller, Sir R. Clifton, Captain Calcraft, Sir J. Johnstone, and Captain Speirs. The Conservatives who have been removed by death are Mr. C. Bell, Sir T. Gresley, and Admiral Seymour. The mortality in the House has, as usual, been more than twice as high as in the Commons, notwithstanding the late hours of the latter and their 200 additional members. Seventeen Peers have died since the beginning of the session, viz., the Marquis of Anglesey, Earl of Strathmore, Marquis of Glasgow, Radnor, and the Earl of Warr, Viscount Gough and Strangford, Wicklow, Viscount Gough and Strangford, and Lords Brougham, Castlemaine, Cloncurry, Hawke, Kenyon, Leconfield, Stanley of Alderly, Taunton and Wynford. The Viscountess of Strangford and the baroness of Brougham and Taunton have become extinct, and the Viscountess of Strangford and the baroness of Brougham and Taunton have become extinct, and the Viscountess of Strangford and the baroness of Brougham and Taunton have become extinct.

Ferdinand de Lesseps, the projector and engineer of the Suez Canal, has it is reported, devised a plan for the reclamation of the desert of Sahara. This dreary waste, according to the observations of African explorers, was formerly a vast inland sea which has been exhausted by some convulsion of nature. The engineers sent to explore the desert report that its level at its nearest point of approach is thirty feet below the Red Sea, with a constantly increasing depression as it proceeds towards the interior of Africa. De Lesseps therefore proposes to build a canal seventy-five miles long, to turn the Red Sea into the desert of Sahara, so that the now dry sand may be cultivated, the intense heat of the climate mitigated, and the inhabitants be reached by the missionaries and become civilized. The plan of an inland sea however, is said not to be original with De Lesseps. An American, Charles Ellet, Jr., when State Engineer for Virginia, announced a project for supplying an inexhaustible feeder for the James River. A large basin was to be formed in the western counties of Virginia, and a lake, seventy miles in circumference and sixty feet deep was to be filled with the waters supplied by the rains and by the streams running down the Alleghenies. A report, with maps and draughts, was published at the time, and the success of the project was considered certain, though the heavy expense proved an obstacle too difficult to be overcome.
Auction Sales.
Lumley Franklin,
AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION & REAL ESTATE AGENT
BEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE HAS taken the Fireproof Brick Building in Yates street, nearly opposite Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co's Express office. Having had eleven years' experience in the Auction business, he respectfully solicits a renewal of public support. mald
AUCTION
SALE OF DESIRABLE
Real Estate
Town and Country Property, South Seattle Property, &c.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Is instructed to sell on
THIS DAY
Wednesday, Sept. 8th
AT HIS SALESROOM, YATES ST
AT 11 O'CLOCK NOON,
The following desirable Property:
Lot 547, QUEBEC STREET, together with cottage thereon, in an improved neighborhood
ALSO
Half an Acre of Land with Small House, near Thetis Cottage, Esquimalt
—ALSO—
SOUTH SEATTLE PROPERTY.
Several well situated Town Lots just laid out in the rising Town of South Seattle, which is stated to be the fixed upon as the Terminus of the North Pacific Railway on Puget Sound, viz: 21 LOTS, situated in Blocks D & H, between Winthrop and Hanford streets, South Seattle.
And other Property, particulars of which will appear in a few days.
Deeds of Purchase at Buyer's expense
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer.
FOR SALE.
A SPAN OF FAST CARRIAGE HORSES, excellent under saddle, 7 years old, warranted sound and quiet. Price moderate.
J. D. PEMBERTON,
Farm Cottage, Victoria District.
COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.
Victoria, V. I., August 31, 1869.
ARTHUR FELLOWS has this day retired from the copartnership carried on under the name of FELLOWS, ROY & CO, by Francis James Boscoe and Thomas Hickman. They will carry on the business under the style of ROY, TYR & CO, will collect all outstanding accounts and pay all debts of the late business.
ARTHUR FELLOWS,
F. J. ROY & CO,
THOMAS HICKMAN TYE.
Witness—THOS FOWLER.
C. BOSSI,
IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALER IN
Groceries, Provisions, WINES, LIQUORS, &c.
NEW STORE, Cor. Government & Jon
FARMER'S PRODUCE taken in Exchange
FAMILIES supplied with the choicest articles in my line in any part of the City Free of Cost of Carriage.
In Re Estate of Adam Nicholson, deceased, Intestate.
ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against the above Estate, are to prove the same before the Registrar of the Supreme Court, V. I., on or before the 1st day of October next, and all persons having any property or having any knowledge of the whereabouts of any property belonging to the above mentioned deceased, are required to furnish information thereof, or hand over the same forthwith to
RICHARD WOODS,
Official Administrator,
Or to W. S. GREEN,
Solicitor in this matter.
Victoria, B. C., Sept. 1, 1869.
WANTED.
BY A GENTLEMAN, BOARD AND ROOM with a private family. Address
THE HUDSON BAY CO'S BANK LADY LAMSON. Neither the Captain nor the undersigned will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of the above vessel.
HUDSON BAY CO.
Wharf street

Auction Sales
AUCTION.
SALE OF DESIRABLE
PROPERTY
In Victoria City, Lake, Metchozin and Esquimalt Districts.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Is instructed to Sell on
Tue day, Sept'r 14
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,
At his Salesroom, Yates street,
The following Property, viz:
Lot 861, cor Pandora and Cook str.
—ALSO—
LAKE DISTRICT—Sections xxviii, xxx, xxxi, xxxii, xxxiii, xxxiv and xxxv.
This Property is beautifully situated on Cordova Bay and within a short distance of this city.
—ALSO—
METCHOZIN DISTRICT—Sections xli and xlii, containing 279 1/4 acres
ALSO
ESQUIMALT DISTRICT—Sections lxviii, lxxxv, cxvi, lxxxvi and lxxxvii, containing nearly 700 acres
CONDITIONS OF SALE.—The purchaser shall accept such title as the vendor now possesses, and the title deeds may be seen at the Land Registry Office
Deeds of purchase at buyer's expense.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer.
PUBLIC NOTICE.
SALE BY AUCTION BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA OF THE
Steam Yacht Leviathan, Dredger and Punts, Sloop Atlanta, Diving Apparatus, &c.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following Property belonging to the Government of British Columbia will be offered at Public Auction by
LUMLEY FRANKLIN
Auctioneer, at his Salesroom, Yates street, Victoria, Vancouver Island, on
Monday, 8th Nov, 1869,
At 12 O'CLOCK NOON, viz:
The Steam Yacht "Leviathan," with Engines, Boilers, &c., complete. Her cabins are well fitted, and she is in every respect in thorough seagoing order.
—ALSO—
The Steam Dredger, which is in excellent condition, 118 feet in length, 22 feet 10 inches in breadth, and 18 feet 6 inches in depth, and well built of suitable and sound materials, coppered and copper fastened, can dredge from fourteen to sixteen feet in depth with a lifting power of two hundred tons per hour, and consumes two tons of coal per ten hours' work, well supplied with spare steel-pointed Buckets and other appliances complete. The Machinery manufactured by J & A Blythe, London, is in perfect order, and consists of a Condensing Marine Steam Engine of 25 nominal Horse Power, with two-flued Boilers and all the necessary fittings.
—ALSO—
Four Mud Pumps—Length of each 70 feet, breadth at top 19 feet, breadth at bottom 17 feet, depth 6 feet 9 inches, carrying capacity 100 tons each.
—ALSO—
The Yacht "Atlanta," 31 feet over all, 26 feet keel, about 8 tons measurement. Coppered and Copper Fastened.
—ALSO—
A Superior Diving Apparatus, with Air Pump, Diving Dress and Fittings complete, and in good working order.
For further particulars, examination of specifications, and orders to view the property, apply to the Auctioneer.
LUMLEY FRANKLIN,
Auctioneer.
ENCOURAGE
HOME MANUFACTURE.
THE UNDERSIGNED TAKES PLEASURE in announcing a Great Reduction in the Retail Prices of his
CANDIES, ALMONDS
Gum Drops Tondant's Cordial Drops Chocolate Cream Burned Almonds.
And all other kinds without end, will be sold at 75 cents per pound
WHOLESALE PRICES TO CORRESPOND.
CHEAPER THAN IN SAN FRANCISCO.
A. W. PIPER,
Government street.

Auction Sales.
J. P. Davies & Co
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. Salesroom Fireproof Stone Building, Wharf Street near Yates.
Cash advances made on Consignments.
Trade Sale
OF
Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots & Shoes, Hats Furnishing Goods.
J. P. DAVIES & CO., will sell at Salesroom, Wharf Street, Thursday 9th September, 1869, at 11 o'clock a. m.
Clothing, Beaver Shirts, Blk Pants, French Cass Shirts, Tweed and other Pants, Boys' Velvet and Cass Shirts, Duck Pants and Jumpers, Overallis, Blouses and Bustiers, Inverness Capes, Grey Coats, Cheviot Suits, L. R. Coats, 5 doz Assorted Pants.
HATS! HATS!!
Alpine, Paris, Cork, Franklin, Drab, Black Resort, White, Wool, Beaver—A fine assortment of Fashionable Styles.
Furnishing Goods.
White Shirts in Variety, Diagonal Cloth Shirts, Shaker Flannel Shirts, Drawers and Socks in Colors, Enfield Drawers and Shirts, Blue Flannel Overshirts, Red Flannel Shirts and Drawers, Baltic and Blue Shirts, Boys' Underclothing, Heavy Whitney Over-shirts, Knitted Wool Jackets, Umbrellas, Kersey Drawers, Carpet Bags assorted, a full assortment of Paper Collars,
1 case, 25 doz, Gloves, assorted.
Gents' Woolen scarfs from 10 to 14 inches wide, Lambswool Shirts and Drawers.
Dry Goods.
—d. z Balmoral Hose in Rounds, Ladies' Corsets, Stamped Aprons and Petticoats, Ladies' Chemises, Drawers, and Nightdresses, Shawis, Paisley and Wool, Colored Linings, Mexican Terpanes, Silk Handkerchiefs
Boots and Shoes.
Gents' Sidespring Boots, Brogans, Ladies' Kid and Patent Leather Balmorals, Lasting Gaiters, Kid Boots, Mens' French Calf Boots.
Etc., Etc., Etc.
J. P. DAVIES,
Auctioneer.
AUCTION.
MORTGAGEE SALE.
J. P. Davies & Co.
Have received in instructions to sell by Public Auction by order and for account of the Mortgagee.
At Salesroom, Wharf street,
Tuesday, Sept. 14th,
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,
All those certain pieces or parcels of Farming land in the District of Victoria, and known on the official map of the same as Sub-divisions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 15 and 16 of Section (27) twenty-seven, containing 25 17-100 acres, be the same more or less.
ALSO—11 A. 1 75-100 acres, more or less, of Section (27) together with the improvements thereon.
The above property is situated on the Mount Tolmie Cross Road.
ALSO—Town Lot 271 on Quadra street, 2d Lot from Fort, together with the improvements thereon, comprising 2 4-roomed lathed and plastered Cottages, now rented at the low rental of \$8 per month. Also, one 2-roomed Cottage, with fine well of Water. The whole under a good fence and insured for \$1000 up to December 8th, 1869.
Acts of sale at buyer's expense.
For further particulars, &c., apply to
J. P. DAVIES,
Auctioneer.
Cattle Sale
J. P. DAVIES & CO.
Have received instructions from Mr. Michael Wells to sell by Public Auction, at the Cattle Sale Yard, Fort Street,
Wednesday, Sept 15,
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON.
His Stock of Horses, Wagons, Etc,
1 Bay Horse, 5 years old.
1 Brown Mare, a first class animal

Auction Sales.
Furniture Sale
J. P. DAVIES & CO.
Have been instructed by Col. Foster to sell by Public Auction at his Residence, Esquimalt Road, opposite the Club House.
Wednesday, Sept 29,
AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.,
All his Superior Solid Mahogany English Furniture, made by Bogart, Comprising in part:
Easy Chairs, Reception and Dining Chairs, Couches covered in Morocco, Loo and Side Tables, Sideboards with movable Celeretes, Double Work Tables with Centre Baskets, Handsome Glass and Chinaware, Double wash Stands, Cabinet Toilet Glasses, 3 Chests Drawers Cane Seat and Folding Chairs, 1 Set Sterling Silverware, Forks and Spoons.
ALSO—A Quantity of Electro Plated Ware, Colza Lamps with extra globes and chimnies, Plated Candlesticks, Bearskins and Deer Horns, Iron and Tent Bedsteads. Fire Guards, a complete Travelling Bag with Silver Fittings, Stereoscope with Sides, Game Bags.
Single and Double Barrel Rifles, Duelling Pistols and Fowling Pieces, by Manton.
Two above are in Solid Mahogany Cases and Leather Covers, with all the necessary fittings, also extra Cases and Covers for field service.
About 100 Vols. of Choice Books, Superior Writing Desk, with Fittings complete and extra Sole Leather Cover Superior Table Cutlery, a quantity of Bed and Table Linen, Feather Beds and Hair Mattresses, some Superior Quality Blankets, 1 Dog Cart, built in San Francisco, 1 English Patent Water Closet, with Piping, etc., etc.
P. S.—The House and Grounds to Rent.
For Further Particulars apply to
J. P. DAVIES,
Auctioneer.
AUCTION
J. P. DAVIES & CO
Have been instructed by S. J. SPARK, Esq. (Paymaster in Charge),
To sell by Public Auction
AT THE NAVAL YARD, ESQUIMALT
On MONDAY, Sept. 27th.
AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,
H. M. GUNBOAT FORWARD
AS SHE NOW STANDS,
Together with her Masts, Yards, Standing and Running Rigging, Anchors, Cables, Machinery and Spare Gear for same, including Spare Trunk and Spare Screw.
The FORWARD is a Screw Steamer, of 233 tons Register, and 60-horse power.
A List of her Stores can be seen at the Office of the Paymaster in Charge of Esquimalt Yard, between the hours of 9 and 12 a. m., on and after the 25th August. Also, at the Office of J. P. Davies & Co., Victoria.
Orders to inspect the ship can be obtained on application as above.
TERMS CASH.
CALL AND SEE SAMPLES OF WEB DING and Visiting Cards at the BRITISH COLONIST Printing Office.

